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# Wright State University



Dayton, Ohio 45431

Campus Communication

date: November 2, 1976

to: All Faculty Members

from: Glenn Graham, Chairer, Faculty Agenda Committee

subject: FALL QUARTER FACULTY MEETING, Tuesday, November 16, 1976  
3:30 P.M., 112 Oelman

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of Spring Quarter Faculty Meeting, May 11, 1976
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Provost
- V. Report on Academic Council Activities
- VI. Old Business:
  - A. Discussion of Academic Scholarship (attachment A)
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Constitutional Amendment:

Amend Article III Section 3, D of the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws to read: "The eight representatives from the student body shall be appointed in the following manner:"
  - B. Change in the Academic Calendar 1976-1977 (see attachment B)

## GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

Fall Quarter

November 16, 1976

- I. The first quarterly meeting of the academic year was called to order by the Vice President of the University Faculty, Glenn Graham, at 3:30 p.m., in 112 Oelman.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the Spring Quarter Faculty meeting were approved as written.
- III. Report of the President, Mr. Kegerreis reporting.

Mr. Kegerreis reported the changes in staff which had occurred since the last General Faculty meeting. They are:

1. Robert Oelman's term of office expired. Mr. Oelman had been chairman of the Board of Trustees since the founding of the university. The new chairman is Harry Jeffrey. The new trustee appointed by the Governor is John Torley.
2. Arthur C. MacKinney resigned his position as dean of the School of Graduate Studies in order to become the Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Missouri, Saint Louis. Mr. Robert Dolphin has been appointed acting dean.
3. Ronald Frommeyer, under doctor's orders, asked to be relieved of the responsibility as dean of the University Library.
4. New department chairmen appointed include Matthew F. Melko, Sociology; Daniel Elliott, Surgery; Carl M. Becker, acting chairman, History; Charles Carraher, Chemistry; Nancy J. Bigley, Microbiology and Immunology; Brian M. Kruger, acting chairman, Psychology; Robert Goldenberg, Otorhinolaryngology; William R. Wells, Engineering; Robert A. Weisman, Biological Chemistry; Joseph F. Castellano, Accountancy; Bryan Roberts, Anesthesiology; and John L. Iacobelli, Economics.
5. New degree programs are an Associate of Science in Retail Technology at the Western Ohio Branch Campus; a B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering in Science and Engineering; a Professional Development Degree sponsored by Continuing Education; a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling; and Doctor of Medicine.
6. The accreditation process continues. The Department of Social Work has received professional accreditation. The School of Nursing has received State Board of Accreditation and applied for accreditation by the National League of Nursing. The College of Business has applied for accreditation at the master's level.

Mr. Kegerreis looked upon these matters as very encouraging and welcomed the new faculty to the campus and hoped that they would participate in the processes of the university and add to the vitality of the institution.

Mr. Kegerreis then discussed the financial situation of the university for this year. He commented on the Guardian headline which indicated the university was considering the cutting of salaries. He emphasized that his response was taken out of context. In no way is the budget situation to be taken lightheartedly but it is nowhere near that serious.

There are six steps being taken to counteract the decrease in enrollment this fall and the corresponding loss in income. They are:

1. A group is investigating the reason for the drop in enrollment. The university is taking action in an attempt to increase enrollment.
2. A second group is involved in long-range planning. Mr. Graham is a prominent member of this group.
3. An attempt is being made to integrate our planning with the planning of the chancellor.
4. The university is reviewing its capital expansion. It appears that the university is doing as well as it could expect and much better than the typical university in the state system.
5. The University Advisory Budget Review Committee will begin its processes much earlier this year. The committee will take a look at the current budget as well as the one for next year.
6. There is an Enrollment Planning Committee which has two phases--a short-run phase which is attempting to do everything it can to improve increased enrollment for the winter quarter, and a long-term plan. In both of these, Mr. Kegerreis asked the help of the faculty and the students in order to make this program effective.

Mr. Kegerreis announced that there would not be an increase in student fees for the winter quarter. Before fees will be increased, the university wishes to know the actual distribution of our subsidy by the Board of Regents and what our winter enrollment will be. The university will wait for these two pieces of information before determining what the student fees will be for the spring quarter and subsequent quarters. If fees are raised, they will in all likelihood be called a surtax. Yet, in all honesty, he reported it is difficult to see how these fees could be on a temporary basis if the state continues its present support levels for higher education.

Mr. Kegerreis reported that he felt the university has the vigor and vitality to make the best of the present budgetary situation. He asked that the faculty do everything possible to help us return to an enrollment base that is at a better level than the current one.

In conclusion, he reported that he thought any impartial observer would say that this is a splendidly producing institution with a fine faculty and a great future.

IV. Report of the Provost, Mr. Spiegel reporting.

The university had an unexpected loss of over a million dollars in income because of the decline in summer and fall enrollment and this had an effect on fees and subsidy. This matter will be discussed in detail with the Budget Review Committee.

Part of the loss in income is being made up in the following manner:

1. Unspent summer salaries were put back into the general fund.
2. Minor construction funds were drastically reduced.
3. Our income from interest was purposefully estimated lower than the actual interest.
4. The university will not fill budgeted vacancies without departmental justification.
5. Capital items will not be purchased without justification.

The university is attempting to increase enrollment in the winter and spring quarters so there will be an increase in fee income. Enrollment can be increased through a reduction in student attrition and in the recruitment of new students. In both of these circumstances, the faculty's help is needed. The faculty's attitude towards our own students and prospective students is of extreme importance.

Mr. Spiegel ended his comments with the hopeful note that the university has good morale and a great future.

V. Report of Academic Council Activities, Mr. Graham reporting.

Mr. Graham briefly summarized the events of Academic Council this past quarter.

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1. The Student Publications Committee has been changed to the Student Media Committee.
2. The Academic Council meeting scheduled for December 6 has been changed to Monday, November 29.
3. The Steering Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 3:10 p.m. Items to be considered should be given to the Steering Committee before that time.
4. The Council elected Dr. Elizabeth Harden as Professor-at-Large to the Promotion and Tenure Committee.
5. Mr. Robert Adams has been appointed as the faculty representative to the Chancellor's Advisory Committee.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Discussion of Academic Scholarship (Attachment A to November 2 Agenda), Mr. Maneri reporting.

Mr. Maneri addressed the faculty in order to initiate discussion and to obtain support for a change in the thrust of scholarship money that the university gives to students. He felt that the continuing student was not receiving a sum that was large enough in comparison to monies allocated to new students.

Comments concerning this item follows New Business.

VII. New Business:

- A. Constitutional Amendment:

Amend Article III Section 3, D of the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws to read: "The eight representatives from the student body shall be appointed in the following manner":

Mr. Graham withdrew this item of New Business.

- B. Change in the Academic Calendar 1976-1977 (Attachment B to November 2 Agenda)

Mrs. Dreher moved that the Academic Calendar be changed.

Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Discussion then returned to Academic Scholarships.

Mr. Correale noted that the University of Dayton granted scholarships to all valedictorians and salutatorians of local high schools. He also noted that this information was printed in the local papers. He asked if these types of awards could be granted by Wright State University.

Mr. Maneri indicated that the Scholarship Committee had discussed this matter and would give it full support if funding were available.

Mr. Battino remarked that half of the scholarship money appears to be allocated to Athletic Grants-in-Aid.

Discussion then centered around honors scholarships and funds from private sources.

Mr. Spiegel said that the Development Office is working on finding additional sources for scholarships. The university is starting an annual campaign to collect funds from the alumni.

Mr. Fortman observed that any monies that might be given to truly superior high school students might be recovered from any subsidy that we would receive from the state and that it might be wise for the university to award scholarships to students who would not otherwise come to Wright State.

Mr. Maneri noted that this might actually be the situation that the University of Dayton is encountering by offering scholarships to all valedictorians and salutatorians in the Dayton area.

There was further discussion as to who makes the decision as to the allocation of these funds and as to who is responsible to raise additional funds.

It was noted that the economic climate over the past two years has not been a good one to raise money.

VIII. No further business was introduced; the motion given, seconded, and carried for adjournment at 4:30 p. m.